

Bar Harbor Conservation Commission

Minutes- Regular Meeting

February 8, 2010

- I. CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order at 7:00. Present were: Albert, Handel, Ocel, Weber, Watson.
- II. EXCUSED ABSENCES- Wheeler was an excused absence.
- III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES- The minutes of January 11, 2010 meeting were accepted as presented.
- IV. Adoption of Agenda- John Kelly had a meeting conflict and the Wind Turbine agenda item is to be moved to the next March meeting. Anne Krieg was not present and Staff reports will be postponed to the March meeting.
- V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Dark Skies Festival- Three poster designs have been donated. The dates for the festival are Sept. 9 – 12. Cons Comm members are not required to attend the meetings. Discussed Cons Comm participation in a Green Buildings Tour again. Discussed making some additions and substitutions of buildings and increased advertisement.

2. Solid Waste PAYT- The EPA sample implementation schedule determines that the issue is at the beginning stages. It projects 18 months from introduction to the Town Council to potential acceptance. Goals: 1. Improve costs for solid waste collection-Need to get actual costs for Town waste removal. 2. Improve recycling, increase range of plastics. 3. Increase composting efforts.

ACTION: get mil rate for waste removal in Bar Harbor.

Issues – How do businesses fit in?

Solid Waste Group- informational meeting with State Planning Office.

ACTION: Jill to confirm date.

Earth Day- Trash Spread- Discussed spreading out trash and sorting as a promotion for recycling.

3. CFL recycling- change or add information to Town website. Discussed a bookmark design or poster design to promote recycling. Post poster at Hannaford's, schools. **ACTION: Cynthia to check with Park about poster contest.**

4. Composter Sales- Enoch described BH is teaming with Southwest Harbor to sell and distribute the whole range of composter products. Composter and Earth Machine and Rain Barrel. Advertising and samples will be focused on both sides of the Island.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Acadia All American Road Committee- Trenton has been added on to the list of Towns. Grant for planting and potential sign at the triangle at the head of the Island. Enoch asked if the Commission had suggestions. The Commission agreed that low maintenance native plantings should be planted. Jill did not remember DOT requesting our suggestions but if asked the Commission was in agreement that no sign is recommended at that location.

VII. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Wind Turbines on MDI

VIII. ADJOURNMENT- Meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM